

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1063 - HB 1268

March 26, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Division of Health Related Boards to undertake a statewide communication and awareness effort to inform any licensed or certified health care practitioner of his or her duty to report incidents of domestic abuse. Deletes the June 30, 2009 sunset on current law that requires health care practitioners to report any patient injuries that the practitioner has reasonable cause to suspect resulted from domestic violence to the Department of Health on a monthly basis.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The Division of Health-Related Boards will incur an increase in one-time expenditures of \$58,400 for printing and postage costs to inform practitioners of reporting requirements. The increased costs will be spread among the boards and will be covered by current revenues.

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the only manner in which to inform all licensees of his or her duty to report incidents of domestic violence is to mail the information.
- The Department estimates printing the information on cards for 205,000 licensees at a rate of \$.0151 per card will increase expenditures by \$3,095.50 (205,000 x \$.0151).
- Postage to mail the information will result in an increase in expenditures of \$55,350 (\$.27 per card x 205,000).
- The cost of notification will be incurred by all health-related boards within the division. The one-time costs could be accommodated without fee increases.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Division had a positive balance of \$1,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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